RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 23rd March, 2001/2 Chaitra, 1923 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

TRIBUTES TO MARTYRS BHAGAT SINGH, RAJ GURU AND SUKHDEV

MR CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, as you are aware, today is the anniversary of the martyrdom of revolutionaries Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev who laid down their lives at the gallows on this day, seventy years ago. Their patriotism, selfless devotion to the cause of the motherland, their fearlessness and self-sacrifice has made them national icons. Their last thoughts and words were for their country and their wish to see it independent of foreign domination. Their words,

सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है,
देखना है ज़ोर कितना बाज़ुए कातिल में है।

still ring in our ears. The Nation can never forget their sacrifice nor repay the debt. Today, more than ever before, we need to remember them and others like them and be inspired by their example. Hon. Members, let us pay our humble tributes to all those great souls who sacrificed their all so that India could attain freedom. We pledge ourselves to uphold the cherished values for which they laid down their lives.

I would now request the Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect in memory of the martyrs.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN Question No. 401 *(Interruptions)* Nothing will go on record ...*(Interruptions)*.

NGOs-Operated Health Schemes in Maharashtra

*401. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored health care schemes being operated through NGOs in Maharshtra; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and released to Maharashtra Government during each of the last two years for these schemes and utilised by them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The details of the various Centrally sponsored health care schemes/programmes in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare operated through NGOs in Maharashtra along with the funds released are given below:

1. *National AIDS Control Programme:*

(i) Care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS

(ii) Targeted intervention programme to reduce the rate of transmission among the most vulnerable and marginalized population

(iii) School AIDS Education on HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and control through NGOs functioning in the State of Maharashtra.

The activites are being managed in Maharashtra through the State AIDS Control Society and the Mumbai Corporation AIDS

Control Society. The grants released to these societies to undertake various activities connected with the AIDS control programme, including the aforesaid activities during 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 are as under:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Society	Funds Released (1999-00),	Fund Released (2000-01)
1.	Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society	29.12	36.06
2.	MDACS, Mumbai	81.46	93.43

2. *National Programme for Control of Blindness:*

The following Centrally Sponsored schemes are being operated through NGOs under NPCB programme in the country including Maharashtra:—

(i) Non recurring Grant-in-aid for up-gradation/expansion of Eye Care facilities

(ii) Grant-in-aid to eye banks

(iii) Grant-in-aid for free cataract surgery/IOL Implantation Surgery.

No funds were released to NGOs under Scheme (i) & (ii) above during the last two years. For Scheme (iii) funds are made available

to District Blindness Control Societies (DBCS). During the last two years, Grant-in-aid released to DBCS in Maharashtra and expenditure are as follows:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

	1999-2000	2000-2001
Grant-in-aid released	312.31	203.00
Expenditure incurred	252.52	120.77
GIA to NGOs by DBCS	129.97	42.56

3. *National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP):*

The National Leprosy Eradication Programme is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is implemented through the State Governments. Grant-in-aid is provided to some NGOs for undertaking Survey, Education and Treatment activities in some selected population.

The funds to the NGOs are not routed through the State Governments. The Govt. of India is giving grants directly to the NGOs on the recommendations of concerned State Governments. A sum of Rs. 24,33,696/- had been released during 1999-2000 and Rs. 12,36,441/- during 2000-2001 to the NGOs functioning in Maharashtra. The grants have been utilized fully by the concerned NGOs.

4. *National TB Control Programme:*

The following five schemes under RNTCP are operated through the participation of NGOs:

Scheme 1: Health education and community outreach

Scheme 2: Provision of directly observed treatment

Scheme 3: In-hospital care for Tuberculosis diseases

Scheme 4: Microscopy and treatment centre

Scheme 5: TB Unit Model

The funds are not directly released to NGOs from Central TB Division. The above schemes have been decentralised so that NGOs working at district levels get funds directly from respective district TB control Society out of the grant released to them by the Govt. of India for this purpose. No funds have been released by the District TB Societies of Maharashtra for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 to N.G.Os.

5. *Technical Operations:*

Under this scheme grant-in-aid was released for (a) Medicinal Plant Nursery and improving awareness and availability of remedies in indigenous system of Medicine remedies under Reproductive Child Health Programme (b) Involvement of Trained Birth Attendants in delivery of primary health care services with focus on Ist level obstetric case and referrals.

Amounts released during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are Rs. 1,50,000/- and Rs. 8,29,640/- respectively of which an amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- and Rs. 7,95,640/- respectively has been spent.

6. *Special Scheme:*

Under this programme four schemes as below are being operated with participation of Voluntary Organisations from Maharashtra:

(i) All India Post Partum Programme at District Level

(ii) Urban Family Welfare Centres

(iii) Urban Revamping Scheme

(iv) Sterilisation-beds-schemes.

The funds are released to the State Government and not directly to the NGOs. State Government releases the grants-in-aid to the NGOs based on their performance, etc.

The total budget allocation to Maharashtra Government for various activities including the above mentioned activities during 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 are Rs. 17.36 crores and Rs. 17.55 crores respectively.